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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2496

Introduced by Assembly Member Washington

February 24, 2000

An act to add and repeal Section 76301 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2496, as amended, Washington. Community colleges: book grants.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. Existing law also requires community college governing boards to charge students an enrollment fee, but exempts from this fee a recipient of benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program, the Supplemental Security

Income/State Supplementary Program, or a general assistance program, who has demonstrated financial need according to income standards specified by the board of governors, or who is a dependent, or surviving spouse who has not remarried, of a member of the California National Guard who died as the result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, as prescribed.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to provide a book grant, in accordance with a prescribed schedule, to a student, *other than a student who receives Extended Opportunities and Services (EOPS) book grants*, whose fees are waived because of demonstrated financial need in accordance with income standards specified by the board of governors, if the student completes and submits the standard application for federal and state student financial aid. The bill would provide that a book grant provided under the bill is nontransferable and nonconvertible, and that it may be used only at a bookstore located on the campus attended by the recipient. *The bill would require those book grants to be distributed no later than the end of the first full week of the academic year. The bill would prohibit a student from receiving more than one of those book grants in any academic year.*

The implementation of the bill in any fiscal year would be contingent upon the enactment of an appropriation for its purposes in the annual Budget Act or in another measure. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to report, in writing, on the effectiveness of this program to the Legislature and the Governor. These provisions would become inoperative as of July 1, 2005, and would be repealed as of January 1, 2006.

The bill would appropriate \$65,000,000 from the General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges for allocation, without regard to fiscal year, for book grants under the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~no~~—yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 76301 is added to the Education Code, to read:

76301. (a) The board of governors shall provide a book grant to a student whose fees are waived pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 76300 and who completes and submits the standard application for federal and state student financial aid, as referenced in Section 69534.1.

(b) The amounts of the book grants under this section shall be as follows:

(1) Full-time students taking at least 12 units per semester shall receive two hundred dollars (\$200) per semester.

(2) Three-quarter-time students taking at least nine, but fewer than 12, units per semester shall receive one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per semester.

(3) Half-time students taking at least six, but fewer than nine, units per semester shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per semester.

(c) A book grant provided under this section is nontransferable and nonconvertible, and may be used only at a bookstore located on the campus attended by the recipient. *All book grants provided under this section shall be distributed no later than the end of the first full week of the academic year. No student may receive more than one book grant under this section in any academic year.*

(d) A student whose fees are waived pursuant to the income standards established by the board of governors and referenced in subdivision (g) of Section 76300, and who attends a community college that uses the quarter system, shall receive, in accordance with the number of quarter units taken, a grant in an amount appropriate to the equivalent level of semester units set forth in subdivision ~~(a)~~ (b), as determined by the board of governors.

(e) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a), no student who receives an Extended Opportunity Programs and*

1 *Services (EOPS) book grant may receive a book grant*
2 *under this section.*

3 (f) This section shall be implemented only during
4 those fiscal years for which funding is provided for the
5 purposes of this section in the annual Budget Act or in
6 another measure.

7 ~~(f)~~—

8 (g) On or before January 1, 2004, the Chancellor of the
9 California Community Colleges shall report, in writing, to
10 the Legislature and the Governor on the effectiveness of
11 the book grant program enacted by this section.

12 ~~(g)~~—

13 (h) This section shall become inoperative on July 1,
14 2005, and, as of January 1, 2006, is repealed, unless a later
15 enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before
16 January 1, 2006, deletes or extends the dates on which it
17 becomes inoperative and is repealed.

18 SEC. 2. *The sum of sixty-five million dollars*
19 *(\$65,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General*
20 *Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community*
21 *Colleges for allocation, without regard to fiscal year, for*
22 *book grants pursuant to Section 76301 of the Education*
23 *Code.*

